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EDITORIAL.

FOR several years now the School has been buoyed up with the hopes of New Buildings; hints and more than hints, promises that even suggested there was a substance of truth about them, have been produced at Prize-giving in the Autumn, only to 'fade away like morning dew' as the Spring appeared. But now plans exist and have been passed. There will be a large Hall and Gymnasium fully equipped, a Library, a Domestic Science Kitchen, a Biological Laboratory, to name only part of the additions, and by the time the next "Chronicle" appears, there should be substantial signs of them. Our successors will lose themselves in so much space.

During the past year Miss Hutton has left us, and her place has been taken by Miss Franklin, while we also welcome Miss Bullock as a new member of the Staff.

The following girls left during 1935:—

SPRING TERM: M. Harper, K. Houldcroft, J. Phillips, D. Bamford;
SUMMER TERM: M. Snell, B. Stubbs, O. Taylor, J. Bradley,
B. Bryant, M. Harris, K. Hughes, J. Salt, K. Wilson, F. Hudson,
R. Lovatt, Mabel Prince, M. Durose; AUTUMN TERM: E. Robinson,
J. Ryder, Muriel Smith, F. Tunncliffe, J. Horne, A. Massey.

The following were admitted:—

SPRING TERM: E. Findlay, Margaret Hardy (Preparatory);
A. Hughes, J. Leggett, C. Poyser, M. Whittaker (III.); M. Hunter
(U.IV.); SUMMER TERM: D. Hudson, D. Harrison, V. Ward
(Preparatory); E. Bain (III.); M. Clowes, H. Cooper, M. Bassett,
V. Sutton (L. IV.); AUTUMN TERM: Form III.: I. Barlow,
K. Bedson, W. Cotterill, M. Oulsnam, J. Parker, J. Pateman,
E. Ward, J. Wilson, K. Woodcock, J. Twigg, H. Rushton,
K. Bailey, J. Cowlshaw, J. Durose, F. Hill, K. Jackson, M. Moss,
J. Perrins, Mgt. Roberts, B. Turnbull, R. Wood; Preparatory:
S. Bagshaw, N. Elkes.

Since 1934, we have enjoyed a closer contact with the Birmingham Settlement. Last Easter, B. Stubbs and K. Simms

spent a night at the Settlement with Miss Cooper, and had an opportunity of seeing how some of the clubs, including the Chicks' and Young Women's Clubs, were managed. A student took them round the district, pointing out especially bad streets, courts, and condemned areas, also explaining how each student has a district to supervise personally. The work of the Settlement is greatly appreciated in the district round Summer Lane, to judge only by the greetings the student received from every other person she met.

Sixty Mothers again visited us in July, and with the help of some Old Girls, the School spent a happy day entertaining them. Miss Batten, the Warden of the Settlement, came over in July and again on Speech Day, when she very kindly distributed the prizes.

In the Spring Term, the British String Quartet visited the School, and gave us a delightful concert of the works of Debussy, Borodin and Mozart. The Mozart compositions were of special interest to us because each girl had to compose eight bars of music after the style of Mozart for the Music Competition.

A Deportment Competition was instituted in the Summer Term. The Houses in turn had to walk up the stairs from the cloak-room, through the staff-room and down the front stairs, closing all the doors after them; then four girls from each House walked round the Assembly Hall carrying books on their heads; they also had to walk in, take a chair, sit down and walk out of the room again, one by one. The winning house, Jupiter, was presented with a cast of the Winged Victory, which has been placed on a bracket in the Front Hall.

Owing to a busy last week of term, a large party went Carol Singing on Saturday, December 14th. Appropriately enough, it began to snow heavily soon after we started, so that Miss Beck and Miss Cooper received a bedraggled party at the end of the tour. We sent £2 10s. to St. Dunstan's—an increase of ten shillings on the previous year—as a result of the Carol Singing.

We thank all those who sent in contributions, which have appeared in larger numbers this year. They, together with the official reports, are more varied and original, as well as more representative than usual, and it is exactly that the Magazine needs.

KATHLEEN SIMMS.

SCHOOL NOTES.

PREFECTS—AUTUMN TERM, 1934.—B. Stubbs (Head Girl), M. Snell, K. Simms, O. Taylor, G. Thurman, P. Kelly (full);

M. Perrins, M. Harper, P. Bull (on probation). SPRING TERM, 1935.—D. Hall, J. Bradley, B. Coupland (on probation).

SPRING TERM, 1935—HOCKEY COLOURS.—F. Hudson, M. Snell, P. Bull, J. Bradley, M. Bagshaw. B. Bryant. GOOD POSITION BADGES.—M. Tebbett, P. Yates, N. Cross, B. Salt, M. Tunnicliffe. DRILL BADGE.—O. Hudson.

SUMMER TERM—TENNIS COLOURS.—J. Bradley, P. Bull, J. Ryder, M. Snell. GOOD POSITION BADGES.—M. MacBean, B. Atkinson. DRILL BADGES.—B. Coupland, B. Salt, N. Cross, M. Tunnicliffe.

PREFECTS—AUTUMN TERM, 1935.—K. Simms (Head Girl), G. Thurman, M. Perrins, D. Hall, P. Bull, B. Coupland (full); J. Ryder (on probation). SPRING TERM, 1936.—J. Smith (on probation).

AUTUMN TERM, 1935—GOOD POSITION BADGES.—M. Binks, K. Simms, E. Lovatt, M. Collis, U. Harris. DRILL BADGES.—M. Binks, M. MacBean.

SCHOOL DIARY.

SPRING TERM, 1935.—

- Jan. 23. Lecture on "First Aid," by Captain Daintree.
- Feb. 15. League of Nations Lecture by Mr. Popham, on "Nansen."
- Mar. 21. British String Quartet Concert.

SUMMER TERM, 1935.

- May 6. Holiday for Jubilee.
- May 29. Sports.
- June 29. School Birthday (celebrated on June 27).
- July 19. Visit of Birmingham Mothers.
- July 25. Lecture on "Esperanto," by Mr. Butler.

AUTUMN TERM, 1935.—

- Oct. 2. Performance of "Macbeth" and "The Merchant of Venice," by Mr. Roy Newlands, at the Grammar School.
- Oct. 28. Party visited Hanley to hear Miss Batten on "Social Work as a Career for Girls."
- Oct. 31. Speech Day.
- Dec. 14. Carol Singing for St. Dunstan's.
- Dec. 18. Nativity Play.
- Dec. 19. Old Girls' Re-union.

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

So much has already been written and so adequately written about the passing of his late Majesty King George V. that it would be out of place to attempt to add more except to record that the School had a vivid sense of taking part in the sorrow and mourning of the Empire.

King George's simple personality and his affection for children were brought home to all who listened to the wireless talk of the King's librarian in the Schools' Broadcast programme, with its description of the King's life at Sandringham and his friendly talk with the village boy who went up to the King's study to receive his prize of a Bible.

The School was closed for the day of the Funeral, members of the School attending Memorial services in their parish churches, and the Guides forming part of the Uttoxeter procession to St. Mary's.

M. W. C.

IN MEMORY.

MARY EVELYN ABUD.

A very good friend to the School died on Sunday morning, March 15. Miss Abud was not a Governor of the School, nor had she any official connection with it, but she took a keen interest in all of us, and rarely missed any of our public functions; they did not seem complete without her sitting in one of the front rows, absorbed in all that went on. She was particularly devoted to girls, though she knew few of the present girls personally; but those of us on the Staff, who had the great good fortune to know her intimately, have a vivid remembrance of her abiding understanding and youthfulness of outlook, and of the value of her ever-ready sympathy and sound judgment. She will be very much missed; but we are grateful for all that her life has meant, to the School, and to the Town.

M. W. C.

OPEN SCHOLARSHIP

at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

Kathleen Simms, this year's head girl, won great honour for the School when she gained an Open Scholarship for History at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, last December. This is the first Open Scholarship in the School, and the event was celebrated

with great excitement and enthusiasm. The telegram announcing the success came appropriately during the rehearsal of the Gloria in the Nativity Play in which Kathleen took the part of St. Joseph. Two days later Sir Percival Heywood came over to bring the congratulations of the Governors, and an extra day's holiday; this meant that the School dramatically returned to form rooms and broke up the same morning.

Many letters and telegrams came; among those who kindly telegraphed or wrote were Miss Budgen, Miss Woodhead, Miss McCrea, and Miss Rice. Miss Rice now lives in Oxford, and has invited Kathleen to go and see her when she is up at College. Telephone congratulations were also received from the Director of Education and Dr. West.

Those outside the School were taken completely by surprise, but those of us who knew Kathleen realized that she possessed outstanding ability, and were delighted when her intelligent work and enthusiasm for History received this recognition. We all wish her a very successful career.

M. W. C.

HOUSES.

This is the last "Chronicle" in which Mars, Jupiter, Neptune and Apollo will figure as the names of the four Houses. We have for some time felt that we had very little in common with them, and they for their part must have looked down from Olympus with growing superciliousness on House Matches, Music Competitions, Deportment Competitions and the like. Now that Jupiter is reduced to spending half a year in 'scavenging,' and Mars to 'sorting out shoes,' both we and they think the time has come to part company.

The excellent suggestion has been made that in the names of the Houses we should perpetuate the names of four people who were much concerned in the School's beginnings, and who have always taken keen interest in its welfare. These people are Sir Graham Balfour (Director of the County Education Committee), Prebendary Dunkley (Chairman of the County Education Committee), Miss Powell (the first Chairman of the Governors), and Miss Budgen (the first Head Mistress).

The drawing for these new names resulted as follows:—

Balfour	-	present	Jupiter	House.
Budgen	-	„	Mars	„
Powell	-	„	Apollo	„
Dunkley	-	„	Neptune	„

M. W. C.

HOUSE NEWS.

APOLLO, 1934—35.

AUTUMN TERM.—This Term our House duty was scavenging, which was carried out fairly satisfactorily.

SPRING TERM, 1935.—In the Hockey Matches we were second, tying with Neptune and Jupiter.

SUMMER TERM.—Apollo was fourth in the Department Competition. The Music Competition this year took the form of a composition in eight bars after the style of Mozart, which each girl attempted; all four Houses tied in this. In Sports, Apollo tied with Neptune for the Cup, and O. Hudson was runner-up for the Senior Championship. Peggy Bull and Marjorie Snell represented the House in the Tennis Matches, and won the Cup. The Rounders Matches were held on the day of the Birmingham Mothers' visit, and in these Apollo tied with Mars and Jupiter, while we managed to obtain the House Shield at the end of Term.

This year, Neptune joined with us in organizing a Tennis Tournament; unfortunately rain prevented the tournament, and most of the activities were confined to the stalls inside. As a result of this we sent £3 11s. 6d. to Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

K. SIMMS.

JUPITER, 1934—35.

AUTUMN TERM, 1934.—A few girls began knitting squares towards making a blanket for the N.S.P.C.C.

SPRING TERM, 1935.—We shared the second place in the Hockey Matches with Apollo and Neptune.

SUMMER TERM.—The House was represented by G. Mellor, M. Prince, L. Tunnicliffe and B. Coupland, in the Department Test, which we won. The prize is a cast of the Winged Victory of Samothrace.

On Sports Day our juniors gained most of our points, P. Tipper tied with M. Massey for the Junior Cup, and M. Tunnicliffe was runner-up. The House was second in the Relay Race.

We were fourth in the House Tennis Matches, represented by E. Robinson and B. Coupland; and shared the first place in the Rounders Matches with Apollo and Mars.

Each House gained an equal number of marks in the Competition for the Music Bâton.

BETTY COUPLAND.

MARS, 1934—35.

AUTUMN TERM, 1934.—Our Whist Drive in aid of the Staffordshire Association for the Welfare of the Blind, which was held on Nov. 17th, was particularly successful, and we were able to send £7 to the Association.

SPRING TERM, 1935.—Mars won the Hockey Cup.

SUMMER TERM.—In the Department Competition, which was held for the first time, we were second. We were third in the Sports and the Tennis Tournament. All Houses gained equal marks in the Music Competition,

MARGARET W. PERRINS.

NEPTUNE, 1934—35.

AUTUMN TERM, 1934.—Neptune, with Mars, was responsible for chairs.

SPRING TERM, 1935.—We tied with Apollo and Jupiter for second place in the House Hockey Matches.

SUMMER TERM.—In the Music Competition all the Houses gained equal marks. We tied with Apollo for the Sports Cup; we were fourth in the Rounders Matches. In the House Tennis Matches we were second; J. Bradley won the Tennis Singles Championship. At the end of the Term we joined with Apollo, and held a Tennis Tournament, as a result of which we were able to send £5/3/6 to the Alton Cripples' Home.

GENEVIEVE A. THURMAN.

SPEECH DAY.

Speech Day was held on Thursday, October 31st, in the Town Hall. Sir Percival Heywood presided, and we were all thrilled when he told us that the long-awaited extensions to the School had been approved.

After Miss Cooper had given her report, the prizes were distributed by Miss E. M. Batten, Warden of the Birmingham Settlement. We have come to look upon Miss Batten, who has visited the School twice already, as an old friend, and were delighted to see her again.

In her address, Miss Batten said that the girls of to-day were not duly appreciative of their heritage. They did not realise that those things that came so easily to them as part of their education, represented the slow gradual achievement of many previous ages. They should be thankful they had Schools to enable them to come

into that full inheritance, which could be theirs for the taking. Her problem at the Settlement was to try to provide people, who had not the facilities of her hearers, with some of the opportunities for education and recreation, which her hearers accepted as a matter of course. We at School had time to study music, art and science, and play games, but those people at Birmingham who had to work in factories had no time for these.

She said, the question each girl leaving School should ask herself was: "What can I put into life?" and not, "What can I get out of it?"; and there are now careers, such as hospital almoners, industrial welfare leaders or house property managers, which helped the people to be served more directly than by the more orthodox means.

Mr. E. M. Mellor, on behalf of the School, proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Batten, and was seconded by Kathleen Simms, the Head Girl.

The programme ended with a short concert, which included a "Suite," by Purcell, played by the School orchestra; and a pianoforte duet, "Rosamunde" by Schubert, arranged by A. Rowley, given in two parts by four pupils. The School, accompanied by Miss Malvern, sang four songs: "Spinning Jenny" (Mozart, English words by A. G. Latham); "Weep you no more, sad fountains" (composed by N. E. Demuth, words anon.); "Air Fal-al-al O" (Gælic folk-song, arranged by H. Wiseman); and "All through the night" (Welsh folk-tune, descant by W. G. Whittaker).

BETTY TAYLOR.

PRIZE LIST.

FORM PRIZES.—I.: J. Duncan, J. Marsden, R. Need. II.: B. Bagnall. III.: N. Cross, U. Harris, M. McBean, M. Shenton. L IV.b.: D. Trubshaw. L IV.a. M. Thurman, I. McBean, P. Yates. U IV.: M. Hill. L V.: N. Bentley, V. Fell, B. Heath. U V.: I. M. Bull, S. N. E. Coupland, B. Taylor. VI.: B. Stubbs, K. Simms.

SCRIPTURE PRIZE (presented by Mrs. Ward), M. Roberts.

GEOGRAPHY PRIZE (presented by Mr. E. M. Mellor), D. Amos.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE PRIZE, J. Ryder.

MUSIC PRIZE (presented by Miss J. A. Malvern), J. Smith.

GARDEN PRIZE (held jointly), D. East, M. Hill, M. Tebbett.

WILD FLOWER COLLECTION (presented by Miss Whittlesey), M. Hill.

HOLIDAY ESSAY, Senior, B. Stubbs; Junior, M. Massey.

MERITA PRIZE (presented by Miss Budgen), K. Simms.

EXAMINATION RESULTS, JULY, 1935.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF THE NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' JOINT BOARD.—Matriculation Certificates: I. M. Bull, S. N. E. Coupland.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.—J. Bradley, K. Hughes, J. Salt, B. Taylor, K. Wilson.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.—K. Simms, B. Stubbs.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS.

THE ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC. June, 1935—Higher Division: M. Wilkinson (Honourable Mention). December, 1934—Higher Division: I. M. Bull (Pass), N. Bentley (Pass), J. Smith (Pass). December, 1934—Lower Division: J. Fallows (Pass), D. Adams (Pass). December, 1934—Elementary Division: G. Mountford (Pass). December, 1934—Primary Division: J. Arnett (Pass), M. Fryer (Honourable Mention).

HOUSE AWARDS.

Hockey Cup, Mars; Sports Cup, Apollo and Neptune (share); Tennis Cup, Apollo; House Shield, Apollo.

THE SCHOOL BIRTHDAY.

The birthday was celebrated on June 27th. We began the day with a special form of prayers to which several Old Girls came. Telegrams and congratulations were received from Miss Budgen and Miss Minna Beck, Miss Woodhead, and Florence Bull. A collection amounting to £2 was taken for the School Birthday Present, the money being spent in the purchase of a Medici print, Velasquez's "Infanta Margarita Teresa."

The Juniors played Rounders in the afternoon, and after tea on the lawn, we sang "Auld Lang Syne." Unfortunately it began to rain then, so the Tennis Tournament did not take place.

J. SMITH.

GAMES.—HOCKEY.

The Hockey Season 1934-5 was one of the most successful the School has known, as out of a total of 11 matches played, 8 were won, 1 was lost, 1 was drawn, and the remaining match had to be abandoned at half-time, owing to rain.

While the play of the team as a whole was of quite a high standard, special mention must be made of two players: B. Bryant (C.F.) whose opportunism and good shooting scored 29

goals out of the whole season's total of 48; and J. Bradley (R.B.) whose safe tackling and clearing must have been a great comfort both to her forwards and her goalkeeper.

The team was as follows:—*F. Hudson (G); *J. Bradley (R.B.); M. Binks (L.B.); *M. Bagshaw (R.H.); B. Torrance (C.H.); G. Thurman (L.H.); *M. Snell (R.W.); *B. Stubbs (R.I.); *B. Bryant (C.F.); B. Coupland (L.I.); *P. Bull (L.W.).

*These girls obtained their Colours.

MATCH RESULTS.

- Sept. 29—Brownhills H.S. (away), abandoned half-time, 1—2.
Oct. 13—Burton High School (home), won 3—2.
„ 20—St. Mary & St. Anne, Abbots Bromley (away), won 6—5.
Nov. 3—Derby High School (home), scratched.
„ 10—Longton High School (home), won 7—1.
„ 17—St. Dominic's High School (home), scratched.
„ 24—Westwood Hall High School, Leek (away), scratched.
Dec. 1—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle (away), scratched.
„ 8—Parkfields Cedars, Derby (home), scratched.
„ 15—Derby High School (home), scratched.
Jan. 19—Brownhills High School (home), draw 3—3.
„ 26—Burton High School (away), lost 2—5.
Feb. 9—Longton High School (away), won 5—1.
„ 16—Derby High School (away), scratched.
„ 23—Westwood Hall High School, Leek (home), scratched.
Mar. 2—Parkfields Cedars, Derby (away), won 5—0.
„ 9—Abbotsholme (away), scratched.
„ 16—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle (home), won 6—1.
„ 23—St. Dominic's High School (away), won 3—2.
„ 30—Derby H.S. (away), won 7—3.

TENNIS & ROUNDERS.

Though there were few Tennis Matches played last season, partly on account of the weather, all those played were won. This included beating Orme G.S., Newcastle, which is a feat rarely accomplished.

The team was as follows:—1st couple, *J. Bradley and *P. Bull; 2nd, B. Bryant and *J. Ryder; 3rd, B. Coupland and *M. Snell. *These girls obtained their colours.

During the Summer Term, 1935, we played Rounders Matches for the first time, and hope to enlarge our Fixture List in future.

TENNIS RESULTS.

- May 18—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle (away), won 5—3.
„ 25—Westwood Hall High School, Leek (home), won 4—0.

June 5—Ashbourne Grammar School (home), scratched.
 „ 12—Derby High School (home), scratched.
 „ 15—Westwood Hall High School, Leek (away), won 3—1.
 „ 22—St. Mary & S. Anne, Abbots Bromley (away), scratched.
 July 13—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle (home), won 5—4.

ROUNDERS RESULTS.

May 25—Westwood Hall High School, Leek (home), Seniors won by an innings; Junior drawn $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$.
 June 15—Westwood Hall High School, Leek (away), Seniors won 3 — $1\frac{1}{2}$; Juniors won 7 — $5\frac{1}{2}$.
 July 6—Burton High School (away), Seniors lost 1—11; Juniors lost 6—26.

M. C. FOXTON.

TENNIS MATCH.—PREFECTS v. G.S. PREFECTS.

The Prefects of the Grammar School were challenged to a Tennis Match to be played on July 12th, on our courts. After tea we played mixed doubles until 7 p.m.

The School Prefects were represented by—1, J. Bradley and P. Bull; 2, B. Coupland and M. Snell; 3, K. Simms and G. Thurman.

The opposing team was as follows :—1, T. Boden and J. Povey; 2, B. Boden and J. Sargeant; 3, O. Ede and P. Tipper.

We were again defeated, and although the teams were more evenly matched, the boys superior strength told against us. We hope to give them a better game next year.

BETTY COUPLAND.

THE SPORTS, 1935.

The Annual Sports were held on the School Hockey Field on May 29th. Fortunately the weather was fine, and there was quite a good number of parents and friends present. Miss Barnwell kindly presented the prizes.

Jean Bradley gained the Senior Championship with 25 points; Olga Hudson being the runner-up with 22 points. Mary Massey and Peggy Tipper tied for the Junior Champion, each obtaining 18 points. Apollo and Neptune tied for the Sports Cup. Some events were decided before the day :—

Cross Country Race—Senior : 1 U. Hughes, 2 O. Hudson, 3 M. Perrins. Throwing the Cricket Ball—Senior : 1 J. Bradley, 2 M. Bagshaw, 3 K. Hughes; Junior : 1 G. Shipley, 2 M. Massey

and M. Tunncliffe. Long Jump—Senior : 1 J. Bradley, 2 P. Bull, 3 M. Snell ; Junior : 1 P. Tipper, 2 A. Surtees, 3 M. Tunncliffe.

The following events took place on May 29th :—Sack Race—Senior : 1 M. Snell, 2 F. Blore, 3 B. Coupland ; Junior : 1 G. Roberts ; 2 M. Tunncliffe, 3 M. MacBean. Under 11 : 1 G. Robinson, 2 G. Middleton, 3 C. Manhire. Three-legged Race—Senior : 1 M. Snell and B. Stubbs, 2 J. Bradley and M. Harris, 3 U. Hughes and E. Manhire ; Junior : J. Hughes and M. Berrisford, 2 H. Whitehurst and E. Cooper, 3 B. Salt and E. Fowell ; Under 11 : G. Robinson and B. Bagnall, 2 M. King and G. Middleton, 3 R. Need and M. Henry. 100 yards—Senior : 1 O. Hudson, 2 J. Bradley, 3 P. Bull ; Junior : 1 M. Massey, 2 J. Hughes, 3 G. Mellor. 80 yards—Under 11 : 1 G. Robinson, 2 B. Bagnall, 3 M. King and J. Crosby. 50 yards—Prep. Dept. : 1 E. Findlay, 2 N. Longson, 3 D. Hudson. High Jump—Senior : 1 K. Hughes (4' 1"), 2 J. Bradley (4' 0"), 3 F. Blore (3' 10") ; Junior : 1 P. Tipper (3' 7"), 2 E. Cooper (3' 5"), 3 H. Whitehurst (3' 3"). Potato Race—Senior : P. Bull, 2 J. Bradley, 3 O. Hudson ; Junior : 1 J. Hughes, 2 M. MacBean, 3 M. Massey. Slow Bicycle—Senior : 1 M. Bagshaw, 2 M. Wilkinson, 3 B. Torrance ; Junior : 1 E. Stokes, 2 M. Griffin, 3 M. Massey. 220 yards—Senior : 1 P. Bull and O. Hudson, 3 M. Snell ; Junior : 1 M. Massey, 2 P. Tipper, 3 G. Mellor. Bunny Jump—Prep. Dept. : 1 R. Need, 2 N. Longson, 3 D. Hudson. Flower Pot Race—Senior : 1 O. Hudson, 2 M. Shipley, 3 B. Bryant ; Junior : M. Tunncliffe, 2 U. Harris, 3 M. Massey. Obstacle Race—Senior : 1 J. Ryder, 2 E. Manhire, 3 J. Bradley ; Junior : 1 D. Trubshaw, 2 M. Tunncliffe, 3 B. Salt. Skipping Race—Under 11 : 1 G. Robinson, 2 B. Bagnall, 3 G. Middleton. House Relay—1 Apollo, 2 Jupiter.

JOAN RYDER.

GIRL GUIDES.

(1st Uttoxeter Company).

During the past year the Company has grown larger, so that in May a new patrol, under the leadership of B. Torrance, was begun. Early in the year we were sorry to lose our captain, Miss Phillips, and also the following Guides : J. Salt, J. Horne, M. Bradbury, A. Watson. In September, we welcomed Miss Bullock ; and during the year the following Guides were enrolled : B. Atkinson, J. Horne, C. Poyser, I. MacBean, M. MacBean, B. Bagnall, G. Middleton, R. Ward, E. Bain, B. Turnbull.

In the Spring Term we worked mostly for badges. On March 11th, Miss J. Harper, captain of IIIa. Uttoxeter Company, came to enrol C. Poyser and J. Horne. On April 2nd, Miss Beck

presented the Cornflower Patrol, leader D. Amos, with an Ambulance book for being the best patrol of the Term.

The outstanding event of the whole year was the celebration of the King's Silver Jubilee, by a Guide Rally at Sandon Park on May 11th; the Uttoxeter and Leek Moorland Divisions of Guides and Scouts being present. We were very lucky to have such lovely grounds for our rally, and such a perfect day. After the colours were hoisted, Lord Sandon gave us an address of welcome. Then each company gave a short demonstration of Guide work—the Guides of this company giving selections from the Athletes Badge. After we had had our photographs taken, and had tea, we planted trees. The Bishop of Lichfield was present, and he himself planted three, which are known as the "Bishop's Clump." In another part of the grounds twenty-five trees were planted by Guides, and we were pleased that P. Bull and J. Salt each planted one. After singing songs round a huge camp fire, Lady Harrowby gave us a short address; and we returned home tired, but happy.

Miss Howkins came to the meeting on June 25th, and we hoped to eat our suppers round a camp fire, but unfortunately an inconsiderate thunderstorm caused us to beat a hasty retreat indoors, to bemoan our half-cooked sausages and raw eggs! Earlier in the term, however, when the weather was more favourable, four Guides hiked on the Weaver hills.

It was decided that during the Autumn Term we should prepare a parcel of toys for children in less fortunate circumstances than ourselves, so that most of our meetings were devoted to this end. We exceeded our ambition of a parcel, by providing two boxes and a sack full, which were eventually dispatched to a poor settlement in Yorkshire.

During the year, the following badges have been awarded:—
9 Second Class; 6 Child Nurse; 1 Toymaker; 4 Cooks; 1 Laundress.

M. E. M. D:

SCHOOL COUNCIL.

The business of the School Council has consisted mainly of discussion of matters arising from the normal School routine. There has been nothing of outstanding importance.

The Council decided that the money for the School birthday present should be spent on a picture and books for the Fiction Library. The amount collected was £2, and therefore all the money was needed for the former suggestion. A framed Medici Print of Velasquez's Infanta Maria Teresa, which now hangs in the

Upper V. Form room, was chosen. Other matters discussed included the problem of water spilt on the Assembly Hall floor in Art lessons; and shoes left about in the cloakroom. A parcel of old shoes was sent to a poor parish in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

In the Autumn Term and the first half of the Spring Term, Mars and Neptune were responsible for the order of the Assembly Hall and Front Hall; Apollo had charge of the cloakroom, and Jupiter of the scavenging. At half term the Houses changed their duties: Apollo and Jupiter taking on chairs, Neptune the scavenging, and Mars the cloakroom.

GENEVIEVE A. THURMAN.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

In the first two meetings of the Autumn Term, the members of the Society acted ballads and scenes to show different emotions, in mimé. Two more meetings were taken up by working at the scene of the masked ball, in "Much Ado about Nothing." In the rest of the meetings there were rehearsals for the "York Nativity Play," which we also presented two years ago.

During the Spring Term the Society did not hold any meetings, but they will be continued next Autumn Term.

GENEVIEVE A. THURMAN.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.—Junior Branch.

In spite of the decreased number of members we have had a more active programme this year and we hope that this may lead to an increase next term. We also wish to make present members more interested in discussions and debates.

On October 21st, papers were read by Nola Bentley on the country of Abyssinia; by Margaret Perrins on the progress of the Italo-Abyssinian War; and by Kathleen Simms on the justice of the claims of each country, after which an animated discussion took place. We are very grateful to Mr. Griffiths, who gave us a most interesting and enjoyable talk on his visit to Russia during the summer. Also at a meeting during the Autumn Term, Miss Thomas and Miss Charles showed us a series of pictures of Germany, by means of the epidiascope.

This year we hope to send a girl to the League Summer School at Geneva; and on January 31st, we held a Bridge Drive by which we raised £4 for for this object—we still need £11. If this is obtained the girl will be chosen by a test consisting of short

questions about the League. We hope that all members will attempt the qualifying examination.

A party of girls, accompanied by Miss Thomas, again visited the Summer Camp held in the Midlands. One girl attended that held in the New Forest, in the capacity of a Leader. This year the Camp in the South is to be held on Dartmoor, but the site of the Midland Camp is not yet fixed. It will probably be in Shropshire.

In March, D. A. Price is to give a talk on Paris, which he visited during the summer; and later, Mr. Hopkins of Abbotsholme, is to speak to us about the Nansen Pioneer Camp.

DOROTHY HALL.

FICTION LIBRARY.

The Fiction Library is steadily growing larger, and is used a great deal by the Third and Lower IV. Forms and the Senior Forms. The Upper IV. Forms do not use the Library as much as the other Forms.

The following books have been bought for the Senior Library: Under the Greenwood Tree (Hardy), John Inglesant (Shorthouse), Marius the Epicurean (W. Pater), Pocahontas (D. Garnett), A Pair of Blue Eyes (Hardy). A good collection of Dumas' and Baroness Orczy's books have been added to the Junior Library, and the latter are very popular.

We are very grateful to Mr. Smith for giving us the following books, which are now in the Senior Library:—David and Destiny (Ian Hay), Midshipmaid (Ian Hay), The Golden Years (P. Gibbs), The Old Guard Surrenders (Vachell), The Vicar's Walk (Vachell), The Honourable Mr. Tawnish (J. Farnol), The Bird of Dawning (Masefield), The Blanket of the Dark (Buchan), Strawberry Roan (A. G. Street), The King of Spain's Daughter (E. Spencer), Priorsford (O. Douglas).

Florence Tunncliffe sent us four books for the Junior Library, when she left School:—Beau Ideal (Wren), The Prince and the Pauper (Mark Twain), The Biography of a Silver Fox (E. Thompson-Seton), and Black Beauty. We are very grateful, and hope that other girls will follow her example when they leave School.

GENEVIEVE A. THURMAN, Librarians.
BETTY COUPLAND,

VISIT OF THE BIRMINGHAM MOTHERS.

The Birmingham Mothers visited us on July 20th. They were about sixty in number, and arrived in two buses after we had gone

home at the end of the morning. When we returned the noise of happy laughter and hum of conversation could be heard from the Assembly Hall, where the Mothers were having dinner.

The sky was cloudy, but occasionally the sun shone through the clouds on us girls waiting patiently on the lawn outside. Soon the mothers came down the steps to be carried off to look round the gardens. Then they settled down to watch rounders matches, but they soon had to go inside because of the rain.

In the Assembly Hall the mothers and girls made an interested audience to the Brownie Play, "Red Riding Hood"; and then took part in various competitions, the winners of which were presented with prizes.

At about 4.30 they sat down to tea, after which more games were played, and more prizes awarded. Bunches of flowers and carrier bags of food were handed to each mother, as she got into the bus preparatory to going home.

We were very pleased that the mothers paid us a longer visit than usual; we wish we could put them up for the night, but they left the School at 7 o'clock, and it would be after nine by the time they reached Birmingham.

JOAN HUGHES.

RUTH HOROBIN.

PARIS.

This year, Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths kindly invited us to make up the number of the Grammar School Party on their trip to Paris.

We arrived in Paris at about 5.30 a.m., and after a short rest and a typical continental breakfast of coffee and rolls, we had our first view of Paris from Montmartre. Although it was rather misty, it was worth climbing up the hundreds of steps to the white Cathedral of Sacré-Cœur, to stand on the terrace and get a general idea of the size of Paris, and see many of the places which we were later to visit—among others, the Eiffel Tower, the Seine and Notre Dame, and the Church of Sainte Chapelle.

We, of course, visited Notre Dame, and we had a very good view of it as we walked along the banks of the Seine, although the general effect was spoilt by the fact that the main spire was under repairs, and was surrounded by scaffolding. Many of the women wore black, and many small girls wore black veils to go into the Cathedral.

Most of the statues round the carved doorways were headless, though some carried their heads in their hands. Inside the Cathedral, Mass was in progress, the High Altar shone with the light of many candles, and the air was heavy with incense. In the Lady

chapels, worshippers lit their own candles, and added them to those which were already burning on the brackets by the altars. Even so, the Cathedral seemed dark and mysterious, and its immense height made the music of the chanting choir re-echo through the building.

One of the most interesting museums we visited was the one at Cluny. Except for the view of a turret from one of the courts the outside appearance of the Musée de Cluny was gloomy, and not nearly as interesting as the museum itself. The building was formerly a monastery, and inside there were flights of uneven oak stairs and balconies looking down on to the ground floor rooms. There were cases of ancient keys, rings, and pieces of wood and metal worked in delicate and intricate designs, pottery, musical instruments and huge 'four-poster' beds. In the Roman part of the building there were statues and stone coffins. We felt that we could have spent several days there without seeing everything which interested us.

One afternoon, we went by train to Versailles. The first impression we received of the palace was one of awe at its immensity and dignity. Standing in spacious grounds laid out with lakes and fountains, and bordered by thick woods, it looks indescribably dignified. Inside the palace, we wandered through labyrinths of picture-galleries and boudoirs, trying to imagine the strange scenes of balls, ballets and intrigues, they must have witnessed in other centuries. The Hall of Mirrors was particularly interesting, for there the Treaty of Versailles was signed; and we were impressed by the Battle Gallery, which contained paintings all depicting blood-thirsty battle scenes. In many of the rooms, the effect was spoiled by guides, who loudly and fluently pointed out pieces of furniture of interest, to groups of chattering tourists, and it was almost a relief to go into the fresh air, and walk down the gardens to the lake, before returning to Paris.

One thing we are unlikely to forget, is our visit to the Opera to see "Faust." It stands in the very heart of Paris; and across the Place de l'Opéra, the taxis and cars tear recklessly in endless strings, sounding their horns unceasingly. Paris seems an exceptionally noisy city, and the people themselves strike one as talking and talking until they are out of breath. Every so often, a policeman blows his whistle, and the cars draw up with screeching brakes, while he waves the pedestrians across with his bâton. But we left the din behind, and climbed up thousands of marble stairs to the 'gods.' We experienced some difficulty in getting our seats, and when we got them, we saw very little of the Opera, or the Operahouse. Nevertheless, we enjoyed the music, and the bit we did get a glimpse of, very much.

Paris seemed very different from English towns, because the people were so unlike ourselves. What seemed so ridiculous to us was that the very tiny children spoke such good French, and we, though so much older, found our own conversation very shaky.

N. BENTLEY.

P. BULL.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS PIONEER CAMP.

On August 2nd, Miss Thomas took a party of girls from School to the Nansen Pioneers' Camp at Overstone Park near Northampton. We went by train to Wellingborough, where we were met by a bus and taken to camp.

The camp was situated on a gentle slope, at the bottom of which was a huge lake: this was forbidden ground on account of its great depth. We had, however, access to a large swimming bath, and of this we took full advantage.

The camp itself was divided into four large groups or patrols: the Eagles, the Stags, the Lions, and the Bears. The Bears consisted of the grown-up members, and the foreign leaders; the surgery which of course belonged to "Bonzo" the doctor; a large marquee which contained all the stores was supervised by "Sunshine" or "Panshine" as she was sometimes called. White Hart, who was the leader of the whole camp, had in his office a library which supplied ample reading to the camp in rest hour after lunch. Miss Thomas kept the bank where we were allowed to draw money after assembly, which was at ten a.m.

We rose at seven a.m., had breakfast, washed up and tidied the camp for inspection, which was carried out by the Doctor and White Hart, who were very strict over this—even a piece of hair could not miss the Doctor's eagle-eye. Assembly came next. It was opened by a reading by a girl or boy out of one of the tribes; then the Doctor gave his report of inspection. Lastly, one of the tribes held a debate, or there was a dramatic representation, such as the work of the League Commission on the Abolition of Slavery. Another reading concluded assembly. We then supplied our tribes with water, wood and stores for lunch. If we were not cooks we were allowed either to read or swim until lunch. Some of the tribes received instruction in first aid.

We had three camp fires which were held at different times during the camp. At a camp fire, we had songs which our foreign leaders had taught us. At the last camp fire White Hart gave a talk on the ideals of the Nansen Pioneer Movement.

There were four foreign leaders: Norway, Austria, and two Dutch girls. Norway could yodel and sing, and he had been promoted to sing over the wireless. Austria could play exquisitely on the violin, and the Double Dutch taught us many amusing songs.

Several expeditions were made from camp. One was a visit to Sywell aerodrome which was quite near to camp. We were shown round the R.A.F. training rooms, and several people went up in an aeroplane. An expedition was also taken by Miss Forrester to Whipsnade, about 54 miles away from camp; this was a most delightful expedition, and we all wished we could have spent longer there. An excursion to Earls Barton to see the Saxon Church was of great historic interest.

On the last morning, at about 5 o'clock, the Lions visited the Eagles tribe, pulling down the tents while the inmates were still asleep and carrying away the available tent poles, one of which had the tribe leader's dress hanging to it.

After clearing the camp site we prepared for the journey home, which we were very loth to do.

MARJORIE PERRINS.

GERTRUDE E. MOUNTFORD.

A VISIT TO THE ZOO.

One Saturday last May a merry party of school children set out from Uttoxeter Station for a visit to the Zoo at London. Fortunately the weather was favourable for us.

We left Uttoxeter at about 10.30 a.m., and the train stopped at Marchington, Sudbury and Tutbury, where a few more girls joined us. Miss Beck and Miss Deards accompanied us. The train, which was composed of dining saloons, had a fully-equipped kitchen from which refreshments could be obtained.

On the journey we saw many interesting things, including the Oulton Egg Farm and the North Downs. We arrived at Euston Station at about 2.30. Two motor coaches were waiting for us, and we had a tour round London. We saw Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, and the Marble Arch and Houses of Parliament. We had a guide who explained everything to us. After the tour we entered the Zoo and saw nearly every kind of animal.

The polar bears were bounding about in an exact replica of their natural surroundings. We were just in time to see the hungry lions feeding on great pieces of meat. They made a dread-

ful noise while they were waiting for it and looked very savage. There were some lovely plumed birds of nearly every colour, most of which were uncommon to us. The next animal that we visited was the hippopotamus, who was lying in a cemented pond surrounded by bars. He was a huge creature, and we marvelled at the size of his great mouth. He seemed much bigger when he came out of the water than we had expected him to be.

In the beautifully arranged gardens and grounds were slot machines where pictures of the animals could be obtained.

Some of us were going to enjoy the thrill of riding on an elephant or camel, but unfortunately it began to rain and the animals were taken in. In the reptiles house we saw cobras and many other kinds of reptiles.

At about 4.30 p.m. we sat down to an appetizing tea in the restaurant in the grounds. After tea we walked to an exit where we found the motor coaches waiting to take us to Euston. We bought ice cream on the station, and had our last glimpse of London from the train. No girl got left behind or lost in London because two elder girls were in charge of about eight smaller ones.

At about 11.15 p.m. we arrived back at Uttoxeter Station after a very enjoyable day.

MURIEL SHENTON.
UNA HARRIS.

OUR VISIT TO THE CINEMA.

On Thursday, December 12th, almost the whole School spent a happy afternoon at the new "Elite" Cinema. There was a special matinée at 2 o'clock for the performance of Charles Dickens' "David Copperfield." The story was altered very little from that of the book, which made it all the more interesting.

There was a cast of over sixty-five, including many well-known film-stars. Frank Lawton, who took the part of grown-up David, gave a brilliant performance. Micawber, Mr. Dick, Dan Peggotty and Uriah Heap all made outstanding performances. Freddie Bartholomew, who played the part of David the younger, seemed to steal all the scenes from the other actors. In this film he has proved himself to be the greatest boy film-star since Jackie Coogan. He also caused a great sensation in "Anna Karenina," but his greatest success was "David Copperfield." There were some very interesting scenes and very picturesque and true to the period scenery. The background for the scene at Canterbury was very realistic, and the filming of the Cathedral was exceptionally beautiful. Another very good scene was Emily's escape from

Steerforth in Italy. She climbed from a window, ran along the rocky shore until she was exhausted, fell down, and was found dead in the morning by a fisherman's wife. This is different from the book, as there she flees, comes to Uncle Peggotty, and with him and the Micawbers emigrates to Australia, where none can reproach her for leaving Ham Peggotty. The scene which showed Steerforth's return, and the dreadful one in which Ham Peggotty lost his life by a heroic deed was the most thrilling scene in the story. Micawber was at his best in the scene where he was punishing Uriah Heep for his misdeeds and forgeries. The most amusing part of the film was the part in which Miss Trotwood was driving away the donkeys from her gate.

After seeing the cruelty of David's father, Mr. Murdstone, it has made us glad that we have not got such cruel fathers. We should not have liked to have lived in that century if there was a danger of getting a father who would send you when you were still a boy to work at a wine merchant's washing bottles, and if women were as sentimental as Dora and Mrs. Copperfield.

DOREEN EAST.
MARJORIE HILL.

DOWN BY THE RIVER.

Down by the river
Are big shady trees,
Beautiful flowers
And big bumble bees.

Down at the river
The kingfishers fly,
They fly to their nests
So warm and so dry.

Down in the river
The blue water flows,
On to the reeds
The cooling breeze blows.

Down by the river
The swans have their nests,
When the wind blows
It ruffles their breasts.

The buttercups golden
Their gentle stems quiver,
All is so lovely
Down at the river.

CYNTHIA BRISBOURNE.

LETTERS FROM HOSPITAL RECEIVED BY THE VI.th FORM.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5th.

I'm in a lovely ward—all gold tiles with little lamps over each bed and blue borders on everything. I have just had a visit from the doctor. I don't suppose you'll mind a description of him, as I've nothing else to do but read; I'll give you one whether you

want it or not. He is tall and dark with quite a lot of colour, and a biggish mouth that laughs quite a lot, and brown eyes with horn-rimmed spectacles. His hair is black, grows high off his forehead and waves over his ears. He has three wrinkles, and wears a dark brown suit under his white coat, and makes a lot of noise with his feet. (I couldn't see if they were big or not.)

SATURDAY.

I had a funny sort of night interrupted by people being sick, and a porter whistling "Red Sails in the Sunset," and the doctor falling over his feet as he made his midnight tour (I think his feet must be big).

Opposite my bed, large glass doors open on to a balcony over which I can see the tops of four trees, and half a church spire. 7 a.m., Emily, the ward maid who posts my letters, has just come in, and says the night porters steal her dusters. I asked my visitors on Sunday if G— had blown herself up yet in Chemistry, and was relieved to hear she had not.

TUESDAY.

It is 6.45 a.m., and every time I look up I can see it getting a bit lighter—the sky is now a lovely deep blue, like the Mediterranean on railway posters, and I suppose you are snoring away under the bed-clothes and missing it all. I give everyone my best wishes for exams., and won't expect any letters till they are over, but if you like to write I shall be very pleased.

WEDNESDAY, 2.30 p.m.

I've been reading "Arms and the Man" this morning. Like D— I find it a bit 'North Polish' for the hands and am forced to take frequent excursions under the clothes. The sun is shining gloriously now, but it isn't much warmer. I can hear the tea cups rattling and the noise arouses violent longings—I'm getting to want my cup of tea like an old woman. I was awfully thrilled this morning—I was promoted from fish to SAUSAGE. It was glorious! Nurse has just brought me a huge jug of barley water, and it's got to be drunk before 8 p.m. I detest the stuff.

I do wish you'd come and help me eat, or I shall be doing like the monarchs in "1066 and All That" and 'dying of a surfeit of chocolate biscuits; this was a Good Thing.' Nurses are hurrying about with hot-water bottles, so I think another case must be coming in. Alas! another disturbed night. I am getting on with my barley water—I have a sip at the end of every sentence. I'll think about you all struggling with exams. (barley water's nothing to exams. is it?). Yes, I'll think about you and "will" that you get above 29%. Looking down the ward, with all the lights shining on the polished floor, you could almost imagine it was the ballroom

at Buckingham Palace (though I haven't seen it). The windows are tall and the lights are reflected in them like so many moons. I can just see the rulers of Europe whirling round, but Mussolini looks particularly out of place.

WEDNESDAY, 6.30 p.m.

I'll start off with something that has been annoying me all day—the junior nurse's shoes. They squeak, squeak, squeak, as she trots up and down, up and down, until I'm nearly off my head. That's the worst of lying in bed with nothing to do; little things loom very large. Emily is sweeping the floor, and shouting at intervals, 'Any letters?' She has a day off to-morrow and is jubilant. It's a good idea of K—'s about writing a novel. Can you think of a plot and a few characters for me? I don't quite believe they would think a 'doctor novelist' was the author, in spite of my knowledge of rabbits and frogs. I've been adorned with a clean sheet to night, and I see I've pencilled it freely—I shall say its your fault.

THURSDAY.

Last night, when the lights had been lowered, the doctor came to look at a new case. I lay and chuckled to myself as I watched him tip-toeing down the ward; his feet made more noise than if he'd walked properly, to say nothing of what he looked like swaying about. Of course it was very kind of him to try not to make a noise.

Supper is coming round now; they take it in turns to start at each side of the ward, so I shall receive mine last to-night. I am beginning to feel like sleep after all my letter-writing; its funny but I always feel letterish last thing at night and first thing in the morning.

M. W. PERRINS.

Why do you walk through the fields
in gloves?

Beautiful maiden,

When the trees on the hills and the
flowers in the dales

With blossoms are laden.

But the train glides on and leaves her behind,
Still wearing her gloves;

Past twittering birds with wings unfurled,

Calling their loves.

Whoever heard of wearing gloves
On a day like this?

When a gentle breeze stirs the
trees

Zephyrs kiss.

JOAN WALKER, Upper IV.a.

La Fête de Mardi Gras ou Carnaval dans L' Aveyron, France.

(Description received by B. Coupland from her French
correspondent, Fernande Almèras).

Je ne sais pas exactement comment on prépare les crêpes,
mais je crois qu'on fait frire dans beaucoup d'huile une pâte formée

de farine, d'eau et d'œufs. Lorsqu'elles sont bien dorées on les retire et on les sucre ordinairement. J'aime beaucoup cela. A la maison, c'est Papa qui les prépare, Maman n'aimant pas à le faire, et n'ayant pas ce possédé-là Papa est natif de l'Aveyron, mais pas Maman qui, elle, est d'un département voisin, la Lozère. Ordinairement on arrase les crêpes de vin blanc. Le repas comporte autre chose comme vous pouvez le penser; viande, légumes, gâteaux.

Le soir les jeunes gens se travestissent en bonshommes de Noël, columbines, pierrots, etc. Cela est bien amusant, je me rappelle que lorsque j'étais enfant j'en avais une peur effroyable. Il y a aussi un concours de costumes. Je me rappelle encore que lorsque j'avais sept ou huit ans, les jeunes gens fabriquaient un bonhomme en paille que l'on nommait "Carnaval"; on le promenait partout, et à minuit on le brûlait sur la place publique. Une ronde avait lieu autour du feu, on chantait une chanson patoise très ancienne que je ne sais pas, mais qui commençait ainsi "Adieu, adieu pauvre Carnaval." C'était très amusant et on le fait encore dans quelques endroits, mais pas à St. Laurent.

Dans les grandes villes à Nice surtout on donne de grandes fêtes de plusieurs jours. Ce qu'est très amusant c'est le travestissement car il y a d'amusantes confusions.

THE JESTER.

Once a king, in olden time,
His jester told to make a rhyme:
The jester tried and then turned red,
And to the king politely said:
"Oh majesty! I fear me now,
I really can't remember how."

The king cried "what!" and rang a
bell—
"To me a rhyme this man won't tell.
Show him that I must be obeyed,
To tell me one he must be made."
The man his majesty addressed
Said to the king, "I'll do my best."

The king began to get annoyed,
And with his gown he idly toyed;
As hour by hour all slowly passed
Until the man came in at last.
"Will he do as he's told?" he said,
But still the lackey shook his head.

"He says he can't remember how,
Although I'm sure he ought to now."
And so the gaoler went again—
To find the jester racked with pain.
His brain had gone with thinking
hard:
The king had lost another bard.

VALERIE SUTTON.

Conversation between Prince Charles Edward and Dr. Johnson: a Fantasy.

SEPT. 12th, 1773.

Scene.—A bedroom in the house of Mrs. Flora Macdonald, at Kingsburgh in the Isle of Skye.

Dr. Johnson is in bed; instead of a nightcap he wears on his head a large knotted handkerchief—not too clean. Prince

Charles stands by the window. He wears Highland dress, kilt plaid and claymore, nor does he appear to have aged since 1745.

Prince Charles.—Dr. Samuel Johnson! I am mightily surprised to meet you in the Hebrides, sir! Men say you have found in London all that life can offer.

Dr. Johnson.—Sir! A man can find pleasure everywhere if he has with him a book, a stock of knowledge and a desire to increase it by observation. I believe I have the honour to repose where your Highness once rested?

Prince Charles.—Yes, and indeed you cannot find the bed more agreeable than I did. Endless nights skulking in the rocks and the heather, soaked by every shower, lashed by the wind, in hot weather oh, the midges! hardly any food, and countless patrols of red coats to slip between. Then I came to this refuge, and slept in a bed with soft sheets, and a pillow which was neither rock nor soil.

Dr. Johnson.—The Highlands of Scotland, rugged and devoid of trees, are indeed a barbarous region; I, moreover, have experienced their vile inns, where scoundrelly waiters twice fingered the sugar for my tea with their greasy fingers, so I too, sir, can appreciate Kingsburgh.

Prince Charles.—I would have you remember, Sir, you speak of a land which risked everything to aid me, and remained loyal in spite of a price of £30,000 on my head. What have you English Tories done? What have you done yourself? You have said to one of my compatriots that 'the first Whig was the devil,' yet you cringe before this German Elector and accept a pension when he offers you one. Aye, and you will doubtless call on that true son of the devil at Inverary, His Grace of Argyll? Are there, were there, any honest men in England?

Dr. Johnson.—Sir! You are mistaken. Samuel Johnson cringes to no man. True, I accepted my pension, for if King George is generous enough to recompense a writer recommended to him, when he is well aware of that man's principles, why then, Sir, it would be churlish to refuse. I do not expect His Grace of Argyll to honour me with an invitation, since Mr. Boswell is not on good terms with her ladyship.

Far be it from me, Your Highness, to calumniate the Highlands, since I have sentiments of sincere friendship for their inhabitants, while, Sir, towards you and your family I entertain the profoundest respect, but no honest man could praise such a land.

Prince Charles.—I accept your apology, but you have not answered my question about these so-called English Tories; I repeat, were there any honest men among them?

Dr. Johnson.—Why, Sir, there are many, particularly in Staffordshire, my own county. It has received the appellation of "The Pretender's Patrimony"; there is an association known as the Staffordshire Blue Coat Hunt, which . . .

Prince Charles.—I know it well enough. This Staffordshire Blue Coat Hunt has drunk the health of "the King over the Water"; it has met in country inns and enjoyed a merry supper together, with toasts against German George going round: it has even clothed its hounds in tartan to hunt a fox in military red. Mais en 1745 ou était-elle? When there were the real tartans showing and the real fox to be chased, the members of this hunt became rabbits, and themselves went to ground until all was quiet again. Was Staffordshire so very far from Derby? Five English gentlemen that day would have turned the tide. In that affair indeed, I discovered my true friends, and they were Scots; I belong to them, I shall belong to them always, cold cautious England shall have no part of me.

Dr. Johnson.—I regret it, Sir. It is elevating for a nation to possess its share of romance. Your Highness makes me ashamed of caution. (In a burst of enthusiasm): If I were a younger and more active man, I would follow you now, to have at the rascally Whigs, and rouse North's ministry itself from its blundering complacency.

Prince Charles.—Again your 'if, if.' Gordon of Glenbucket, an old man of sixty-nine, bed-ridden for three years, did he say 'if, if,' when he rode across Scotland to greet me at Glenaladale; did my brave Lochiel say 'if' when he called out his Camerons? You English are hopeless! I wish you a pleasant journey and a safe return, Sir; I must take my leave and allow you to return in peace to your books and your philosophy.

Dr. Johnson.—Sir! I thank you for your courtesy. It is clear enough that all nations have very different characteristics. I have remarked on some of the Scots to Mr. Boswell. May I enquire, Sir, if you remain in Scotland?

Prince Charles.—I return to my wanderings, to confuse the Hanoverian agents and give them employment. 'He is at Paris,' says one; 'at Vienna, I dare swear,' says another; and all the time I am at Brussels. Once I was forced to disguise myself as a friar to escape them; you would have laughed

heartily had you seen some of my artifices, for Malcolm Macleod was positive I had such an odd face naught on earth could disguise me.

Aye, again I recall how Lochiel and Cluny, having misapprehended our party for militia, went near to shooting us all, had they not perceived me; that was after Culloden. It was in Badenoch, near the Braes of Rannoch, when—but pray pardon me! I must keep you no longer from your rest. I wish you good-night, Dr. Johnson. [He disappears from sight.]

Dr. Johnson.—[Sitting very upright, and making a bow almost as low as his bow to an archbishop.] I also wish your Royal Highness a favourable journey. Sir, your most humble servant!

[He readjusts his handkerchief, pulls his pillow into position and falls asleep. No doubt this episode led to his interest in supernatural visions and second sight in the Highlands.]

KATHLEEN SIMMS.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS.

- B. STUBBS is at Manchester University.
- M. SNELL is teaching at Boylestone.
- O. TAYLOR is at Peterborough Training College.
- J. SALT has a post as clerk in Messrs. Bamfords' Agricultural Works.
- R. LOVATT is working in Messrs. Boots, Cash Chemists, Uttoxeter Branch.
- M. HARPER has a post as clerk at Messrs. Fryer.
- F. HUDSON has a post as clerk in Messrs. Bamfords' Agricultural Works.
- M. MILLINGTON is teaching in Stafford.
- N. MILLINGTON is a nurse in Queen Mary's Nursing Home, Derby.
- E. GAMMAGE has a post as clerk at Messrs. Fryer.
- M. SMITH has a post as clerk in Messrs. Elkes' Biscuit Factory.
- MABEL PRINCE is training at Miss Shaw's School of Dancing in Stoke, and has passed the first examination for the Royal Academy of Dancing.
- J. RYDER is doing secretarial work for her father.
- F. TUNNICLIFFE is needed at home.
- K. HUGHES is taking a course of commercial training at Longton.
- B. BRYANT is training as a hairdresser in Birmingham.
- J. PHILLIPS is at home, but is shortly going to Rodbaston.
- K. WILSON is needed at home.
- J. BRADLEY is doing secretarial work in the Celanese Works at Spondon.
- M. HARRIS is needed at home.

Old Girls' news is always of great interest to us. Will Old Girls let me know of their doings, so that they may be put in the Magazine ?

A. BECK, Registrar.

OLD GIRLS' SOCIETY.

SPRING TERM.—The Spring Meeting took the form of a Social Evening, which was held on March 6th.

SUMMER TERM.—The Summer Meeting was held on June 27th, the day on which we celebrated the School Birthday. Arrangements were made for the visit of the members of the Birmingham Women's Settlement in July, and K. Babb was elected as Secretary for the catering on that day. It was also decided that the Old Girls' Prize should be given for a piece of handwork not exceeding the cost of 2/6. There were to be two classes: one for girls under fourteen and one for girls over that age. Mrs. Cheney kindly undertook to judge the entries, and the prizes were won by M. Massey and D. Adams.

AUTUMN TERM.—The Annual Business Meeting was held on November 25th. The following officers were elected:—General Committee—ex-officio: Miss Cooper, Miss Budgen, Miss Woodhead and Miss Beck; Treasurer: G. Phillips; Secretary: K. Babb; District Secretaries: R. Allport, M. Harper, B. Orme, K. Tibbits. Other Members of the Committee were elected *en bloc*. A discussion took place on the reorganization of the Society for the purpose of increasing the membership. It was decided that a printed letter signed by Miss Cooper or Miss Beck should be sent to each of the members, together with an invitation to the Re-union.

The Christmas Re-union was held on Dec. 19th: 36 Old Girls were present; apologies were received from 24.

It was decided that Secretaries should be appointed for various districts who would be in personal touch with members in her group, supply news of her members to the "School Chronicle," collect the subscriptions, and receive from them any suggestions they might care to make about the work of the Society. It was also decided that the Christmas Re-union should be the main meeting of the year, and in order to make it possible for those at a distance to come to it, the Committee should arrange for hospitality to be given by members living in the town.

Miss Malvern and Miss Thomas were elected members of the Society.

Letters with helpful suggestions were read from Miss P. B. Walker, N. Kirkland and J. Young.

K. BABB.

